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Form 6-K  
May 31, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the date of 31 May, 2005

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, public limited company

Bankcentre, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Republic of Ireland

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports  
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F..X... Form 40-F.....

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information  
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the  
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ..... No ..X...

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant  
in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- \_\_\_\_\_

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30 MAY 2005

AIB GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE MICHAEL BUCKLEY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT DATE

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") (NYSE:AIB)

Earlier this year Michael Buckley indicated that the length of the handover  
period between him and the new Chief Executive would depend on whether an  
internal or external candidate was selected.

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The appointment of Eugene Sheehy, who has over thirty years experience in a variety of roles with AIB, means that a lengthy transition is not necessary and Michael Buckley has, therefore, decided to retire as Chief Executive at the end of June this year. At the request of Mr Sheehy, Mr Buckley will continue as AIB's representative on the Board of M & T Bank until April 2006.

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### Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, p.l.c.  
(Registrant)

Date 31st May, 2005

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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